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SUBJECT: CITRUS FUNGICIDES

1. US CITRUS INDUSTRY RECOGNIZES GOJ INABILITY TO ACT
ON OPP UNTIL AFTER ELECTION BUT DETERMINED TO PUSH ISSUE AS
VIGOROUSLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER DEC 5.

2. WITH SHIRASU'S RESULTS ON OPP NOW AVAILABLE TO GOJ AMB
SHOULD AT HIS DISCRETION APPROACH GOJ AT HIGHEST APPRO-
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PRIATE LEVEL. DISCUSSION SHOULD EMPHASIZE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. USG CONTINUES TO BE DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT SLOW PROGRESS IN APPROVING USE OF OPP AND TBZ FUNGICIDES, ACCEPTED BY ALL OTHER CITRUS IMPORTING COUNTRIES EXCEPT JAPAN. THIS ISSUE HAS BEEN DISCUSSED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL BETWEEN OUR GOVERNMENTS OVER AN 18 MONTH PERIOD.

B. BOTH OPP AND TBZ ARE IMPORTANT TO US INDUSTRY AND JAPANESE IMPORTERS IN ASSURING GOOD QUALITY ARRIVALS SINCE EFFECTIVENESS OF EACH IS SPECIFIC TO CERTAIN TRANSIT DISEASES.

C. HOWEVER, CONTINUING TO TREAT BOTH AS A PACKAGE, I.E., WAITING FOR CONCLUSION OF RESEARCH ON TBZ BEFORE ACTING

ON OPP, WILL DELAY ACTION SO NEITHER WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR 1976-1977 SHIPMENTS. RESEARCH RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE FOR OPP NOW, AND ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN TO SCHEDULE FSIC MEETING ON OPP ASAP.

D. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF COMBINED USE OF OPP AND TBZ, FSIC SHOULD INDICATE OFFICIALLY ITS RECOGNITION THAT OPP AND TBZ ARE CONSIDERED TO BE COMPLEMENTARY AND THAT RESEARCH ON TBZ IS IN PROGRESS, AND ITS WILLINGNESS TO GIVE PROMPT CONSIDERATION TO APPROVAL OF TBZ, IF RESEARCH RESULTS WARRANT, AS SOON AS THESE RESULTS ARE AVAILABLE.

E. APPROVAL OF OPP MUST OCCUR BY END JANUARY TO PERMIT ITS USE IN CURRENT SEASON. TBZ APPROVAL IS SOUGHT IN TIME TO PROGRAM ITS USE DURING 1977-78 SHIPPING SEASON. KISSINGER

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